

## AFL Council Asks "New Deal" On Living Costs and Pay Rates

### Denounces "Mess" Made By OPA And WFA Of Food And Price Programs

Chicago, Ill.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, at the opening of its mid-summer meeting here, called upon President Roosevelt for a "new deal" on wage and price control.

Declaring it would be futile to try to "unscramble the mess" made by the OPA and the War Food Administration, the Council urged the President to inaugurate an entirely new program which would bring the cost of living back into equitable relationship with wages of American workers.

Constantly mounting prices, the Council warned, constitute the greatest threat to the stability of labor relations in vital industries and menace the war production program. Unrest is growing among the workers, the Council reported, because the value of the wage dollar is shrinking day by day.

Thus far, the Council charged, the nation's economic stabilization program has worked in only one direction—to freeze wages. Labor was promised that the cost of living would be stabilized along with wages.

Responsibility for the failure of the food price control program was attributed in the Council's statement partly to lack of authority, partly to lack of the right personnel, but primarily to the absence of agreement on basic objectives and methods.

The Council pointed out that the real objectives of the new program should be to provide for the production of sufficient food for all wartime needs and to bring prices back into relationship with wages and stabilize

Urging the President to give consideration to these recommendations of labor, the Council promised that the American Federation of Labor will

It appeared likely at the outset of the session that the Executive Council will devote a great deal of atten-

for consideration are recommendations with respect to the anti-labor Connally-Smith Act and the new Wagner-Murray-Dingell social security amend-

**MILWAUKEE UNIONS SEEK  
50,000 BLOOD DONORS**

Milwaukee, Wis.—Shouldering its share of the task assumed by the Milwaukee Red Cross Chapter to provide America's fighting men with

2,000 pints of blood weekly for conversion to plasma, the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council is well on the way to fulfilling its self-imposed

Headed by John Strobel, blood donor committee chairman for the council, the drive represents a

fully planned and organized campaign to furnish a steady supply of donors. Members of more than 100 AFL local unions and auxiliaries have given blood, according to a

port by Maurice E. Weinberg, regional director of United Nations Relief, who is cooperating in the campaign.

Council, the Building and Construction Trades Council, and local unions opened the campaign in March, making their donations in a body at the Red Cross blood donor center.

**MANY WORKERS DISABLED  
IN PRIVATE SHIPYARD**

Washington, D. C.—It's 100 per cent

Figures published by the department showed that workers are disab-

The department ascribed this contrast to the fact that the government has a higher regard for the life and limb of workmen and for years has had an efficient accident prevention

gram in effect.

